Bulletin #2009-004 23 – April - 2009

Subject:
Novice/Provisional Drivers and coefficient 1 rallies

Overview:
Effective immediately, replace Article 2.1.C.5 with the following:

5. Once the Novice Driver has completed 9 coefficients, ~~including no more than one coefficient 1 rally,~~ his/her license status is changed to Provisional. The stewards of any event in which they have competed may recommend delaying this upgrade.

In addition, replace Article 2.1.C.7 with the following:

7. Once the Provisional Driver has completed an additional 9 coefficients ~~including no more than one coefficient 1 rally~~, he/she becomes an unrestricted driver.

Rationale:
When this rule was originally introduced, there was concern that someone might try to advance from Novice to Provisional to unrestricted driver by competing only in rallysprints. Now, because Rally America only sanctions stage rally format events, coefficient 1 rallies are likely to be stage rallies (only with fewer stage miles) and should count towards fulfilling the requirements to advance beyond Novice and Provisional Driver status.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.